



## PATIENT

Zoey Davenport

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Beagle

## SEX

Female Spayed

## AGE

11 years

## WEIGHT

25lbs

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Recheck echo. Grade 5/6 heart murmur.

-Pertinent previous echo findings (7/2021 MML): Severe MR, severe LAE, mild LVE, mild TR, mild PAH: 3.0m/s. LA: 3.7, LV: 4.2/1.6.

## ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS \*Note: Single lead ECGs are evaluated as a rhythm strip. Morphology/MEA cannot be definitively commented on.

A six lead ECG is available at 50mm/s; 10mm/mV. The average heart rate is 120bpm (range 70-150bpm). The rhythm is sinus in origin, with a p for every QRS complex and vice versa. The P wave morphology is positive with a normal dimension. Normal PR. The QRS morphology is positive with normal dimension. MEA is normal. No ectopic beats, pauses or dysrhythmias observed.

ECG diagnosis: Normal sinus rhythm with respiratory variation.

## ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS

2D, m-mode, color flow and doppler imaging is available. The mitral valve is diffusely thickened with significant prolapse into the left atrial lumen. A primary ruptured chordae tendineae is visualized (see below). There is severe eccentric mitral regurgitation present. The MR velocity is normal. There is severe left atrial enlargement. There is mild left ventricular dilation. Left ventricular systolic function is hyperdynamic. Mild right atrial and ventricular dilation (subjective). Mild thickening of the tricuspid valve with mild TR. Normal velocity. There is normal systolic flow velocity across the aortic valve. The aortic valve appears trileaflet with normal mobility. The main pulmonary artery is normal in diameter. The pulmonic valve is normal in appearance. No pericardial/pleural effusion or cardiac masses are seen.

## CARDIAC CHART

CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	MR VMAX (m/s)	TR VMAX (m/s)	LA/AO (Boon method)	LA/AO (Heart Base; Swe)	FS (%)	EF (%)	EPSS (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	<1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
PATIENT	5.7	2.5	NM	1.9	44	76	NM
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	LA 2D short axis Base view (cm)	LVIDd Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)	LVIDs Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW
PATIENT	NM	1.1	0.6	11.3	3.8	3.8	2.1
*Normal chamber parameters expressed as a mean value (SD)				3	1.27 (5.3)	2.46 (2.46)	1.36 (5.5)
BODY WEIGHT DEPENDENT PARAMETERS				5	1.40 (4.5)	2.74 (5.2)	1.60 (4.7)
*Note: All measurements based upon multi-modal images and methods. An average value is reported.				10	1.50 (3.8)	3.27 (3.5)	2.06 (3.1)
				15	1.83 (2.0)	3.71 (2.4)	2.43 (2.1)
				20	2.02 (1.9)	4.14 (2.2)	2.80 (2.0)
				25	2.18 (2.4)	4.48 (2.9)	3.10 (2.5)
				30	2.33 (3.3)	4.83 (3.9)	3.39 (3.4)
				35	2.48 (4.3)	5.17 (5.0)	3.69 (4.5)
				40	2.62 (5.2)	5.48 (6.1)	3.96 (5.4)
				50	2.88 (7.1)	6.07 (8.3)	4.46 (7.4)

Adapted from June Boon, Veterinary Echocardiography, 1998  
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Hansson et al, Vet Rad and Ultrasound 2002  
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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Compared to the prior study, the disease appears overall stable. Severe mitral and mild tricuspid regurgitation are unchanged with stable left heart dimensions. One significant finding on this exam is a ruptured chordae tendineae (RCT). This was not previously noted; however, given that the patient is stable clinically and the left heart is unchanged, my suspicion is this was present previously (and simply not visualized) rather than being an acute change. No additional issues are identified such as pulmonary hypertension. The ECG remains unremarkable with a respiratory sinus arrhythmia.

Given what is seen here, the previously recommended medications remain advised (Pimobendan, ACE-I and Spironolactone). No obvious indication for Lasix therapy; however, monitoring of breathing rates is advised. Continued assessment of progression in the future will help predict long term outcome, prognosis remains guarded at this stage (late B2). Unfortunately, the patient will always be at risk for recurrent CHF, development of arrhythmias/LA tear, syncope and/or sudden death in the future.

Close monitoring for development of associated clinical signs (development of a cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or worsening collapse episodes) is recommended. Monitoring of sleeping breathing rates is recommended as the best way to screen for CHF at home.

Elective anesthesia is not advised.

Omega fatty acid supplementation and mild salt restriction may also be of some long-term benefit.

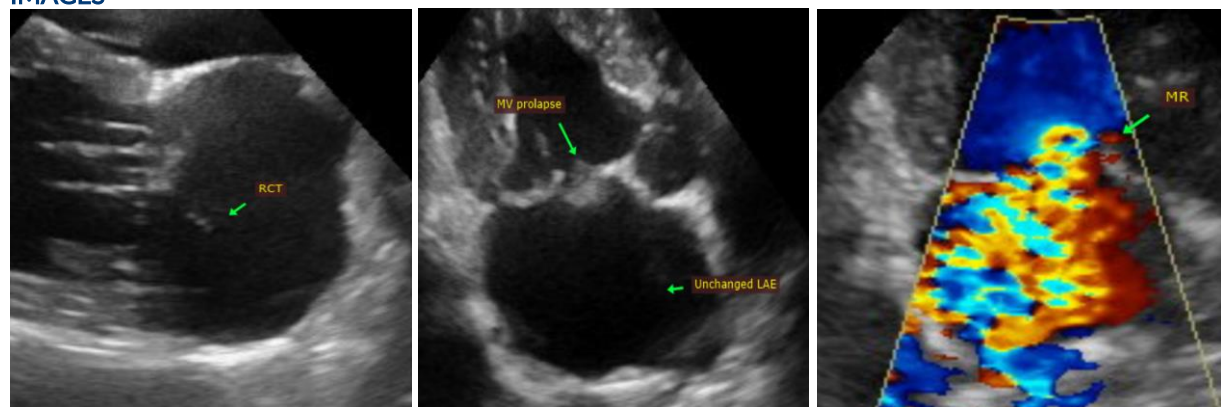
**PLAN**

A screening BP is recommended every 6 months lifelong. Continue 3 medications as previously prescribed.

Monitor renal values every 3-4 months lifelong.

A recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 6 months to screen for progression, sooner if clinical signs arise.

**IMAGES**





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Thank you for this referral. This report was generated using transcription software, and minor dictation errors may be present. If the clinical or image interpretation does not parallel your findings or if I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

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